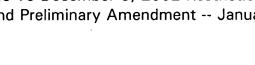
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<u>ASE AMEND THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION AS FOLL</u>

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Enter replacement claims 247, 250, 278 and 302 as follows:

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247. (Amended) The composition of claim 245, wherein said primary nucleic acid component is selected from a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, and a bacterial fragment, or a combination of the foregoing.

250. (Amended) The composition of claim 249, wherein said DNA, RNA or both are modified.

278. (Amended) The composition of claim 265, wherein said nucleic acid component is selected from a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, and a bacterial fragment, or a combination of the foregoing.

302. (Amended) The nucleic acid component of claim 299, wherein said component is derived or selected from a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, and a bacterial fragment, or a combination of the foregoing.

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Please add new claim 317 as follows:

-- 317 (NEW) The composition of claim 245, wherein said secondary nucleic acid

is DNA and said tertiary nucleic acid is RNA. --

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